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PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1921.

The accompanying table is reprinted, by permission, from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for March, 1921. The figures are based on a strength of approximately 13,000,000 insured persons.

Although these rates apply to a more or less selected group, they are very good indices of comparative mortality conditions of the general population.

It is of interest to note that the death rate for February, 1921, is lower than that for the entire year 1920.

Death rates (annual basis) per 100,000 for principal causes, January and February, 1921, and year 1920.

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000 lives exposed.		
	Feb., 1921.	Jan., 1921.	Year 1920.
Total, all causes.....	936.2	919.8	938.4
Typhoid fever.....	4.0	3.7	6.5
Measles.....	4.3	3.0	8.3
Scarlet fever.....	10.1	10.2	5.9
Whooping cough.....	5.7	3.8	6.5
Diphtheria.....	27.3	28.4	21.6
Influenza.....	12.7	10.2	52.3
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	122.7	116.5	135.0
Cancer.....	65.7	66.6	68.3
Meningitis (all forms).....	5.2	5.3	5.1
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	62.2	64.1	60.1
Organic diseases of heart.....	126.8	127.7	114.6
Pneumonia (all forms).....	106.7	106.0	103.9
Other respiratory diseases.....	17.0	18.5	17.8
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	10.3	8.8	15.5
Bright's disease.....	74.8	68.9	69.4
Puerperal state.....	21.4	17.5	22.5
Suicides.....	7.4	7.7	6.0
Homicides.....	5.6	7.2	5.7
Other external causes (excluding suicides and homicides).....	46.0	50.7	58.1
Traumatism by automobile.....	6.8	7.8	10.9
All other causes.....	200.1	194.9	185.3

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED APR. 2, 1921.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Apr. 2, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the "Weekly Health Index," Apr. 5, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended Apr. 2, 1921.	Corresponding week, 1920.
Policies in force.....	46, 412, 907	42, 553, 649
Number of death claims.....	9, 129	10, 777
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force.....	10.3	13.2

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended Apr. 2, 1921, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of preceding years. (From the "Weekly Health Index," Apr. 5, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

City.	Estimated population, July 1, 1921.	Week ended Apr. 2, 1921.		Average annual death rate per 1,000. ²	Deaths under 1 year.		Infant mortality rate, week ended Apr. 2, 1921. ³
		Total deaths.	Death rate. ¹		Week ended Apr. 2, 1921.	Previous year or years. ²	
Akron, Ohio.....	208,435	48	12.0	14.3	13	57	125
Albany, N. Y.....	115,071	32	14.5	20.6	3	C 8	67
Atlanta, Ga.....	207,473	52	13.1	16.7	7	C 5	.....
Baltimore, Md.....	751,537	248	17.2	20.9	36	A 37	101
Birmingham, Ala.....	186,133	50	14.0	20.2	8	A 8	.....
Boston, Mass.....	757,634	228	15.7	18.7	36	A 40	97
Bridgeport, Conn.....	149,967	26	9.0	16.8	8	A 7	101
Buffalo, N. Y.....	519,608	126	12.6	19.0	26	C 30	72
Cambridge, Mass.....	110,444	31	14.6	16.5	4	A 5	.....
Camden, N. J.....	119,672	22	9.6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicago, Ill.....	2,780,655	615	11.5	17.1	103	A 145	.....
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	403,418	115	14.9	20.4	10	C 16	64
Cleveland, Ohio.....	831,138	178	11.2	14.8	22	C 26	59
Columbus, Ohio.....	245,358	55	11.7	15.1	14	C 9	162
Dallas, Tex.....	165,282	32	10.1	14.8	4	A 3	.....
Dayton, Ohio.....	158,119	40	13.2	14.4	5	C 9	82
Denver, Colo.....	263,152	87	17.2	15.9	12	.....	.....
Detroit, Mich.....	1,070,450	199	9.7	.....	45	.....	85
Fall River, Mass.....	120,668	28	12.1	19.1	4	C 15	60
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	141,197	34	12.6	13.2	5	C 2	85
Houston, Tex.....	144,340	32	11.6	.....	3	.....	.....
Indianapolis, Ind.....	325,215	70	11.2	17.9	3	C 16	23
Jersey City, N. J.....	302,788	99	17.0	24.7	13	C 21	.....
Kansas City, Kans.....	103,908	27	13.5	.....	0	.....	0
Kansas City, Mo.....	336,157	89	13.8	27.4	8	C 14	.....
Los Angeles, Calif.....	611,636	164	14.0	13.9	15	A 14	71
Louisville, Ky.....	236,083	72	15.9	21.4	4	C 11	46
Lowell, Mass.....	113,757	33	15.1	18.1	3	A 7	48
Milwaukee, Wis.....	468,386	96	10.7	16.3	15	A 29	73
Minneapolis, Minn.....	392,815	96	12.7	13.5	7	C 11	40
Nashville, Tenn.....	119,536	35	15.3	22.3	4	C 7	.....
New Bedford, Mass.....	125,012	28	11.7	16.6	3	A 10	46
New Haven, Conn.....	167,007	41	12.8	18.5	7	C 5	83
New Orleans, La.....	394,657	109	14.4	22.0	13	A 17	.....
New York, N. Y.....	5,751,867	1,379	12.5	22.6	179	C 302	70
Newark, N. J.....	424,885	101	12.4	24.7	18	C 33	.....
Norfolk, Va.....	121,260	24	10.3	.....	4	.....	71
Oakland, Calif.....	226,472	31	7.1	11.5	2	A 5	25
Omaha, Nebr.....	197,066	43	11.4	.....	5	.....	.....
Paterson, N. J.....	137,463	38	14.4	.....	3	.....	.....
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,866,212	566	15.8	18.4	77	590	93
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	596,413	114	10.0	22.8	25	C 47	89
Portland, Oreg.....	264,859	62	12.2	12.6	7	C 10	70
Providence, R. I.....	239,645	66	14.4	31.0	9	C 27	.....
Richmond, Va.....	175,686	49	14.5	15.9	8	C 8	97
Rochester, N. Y.....	305,229	78	13.3	14.4	7	C 15	54
St. Louis, Mo.....	786,164	180	11.9	17.9	18	C 30	.....
St. Paul, Minn.....	237,781	63	13.8	18.7	5	C 12	50
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	121,595	19	8.1	12.3	3	.....	46
San Francisco, Calif.....	520,546	168	16.8	19.7	15	C 14	87
Seattle, Wash.....	327,227	56	8.9	10.3	3	A 9	25
Spokane, Wash.....	104,442	21	10.5	9.5	4	C 2	87
Springfield, Mass.....	135,877	30	11.5	.....	4	.....	60
Syracuse, N. Y.....	177,265	38	11.2	19.1	1	C 12	12
Toledo, Ohio.....	253,696	64	13.2	17.0	11	A 12	111
Trenton, N. J.....	122,760	36	15.3	22.0	4	A 9	.....
Washington, D. C.....	454,026	109	12.5	20.8	10	A 18	58
Wilmington, Del.....	113,408	31	14.3	18.3	6	.....	.....
Worcester, Mass.....	184,972	51	14.4	19.4	5	C 14	54
Yonkers, N. Y.....	103,324	21	10.6	13.8	4	A 5	91
Youngstown, Ohio.....	139,432	32	12.0	.....	4	.....	51

¹ Annual rate per 1,000 population.

² "A" indicates data for the corresponding week of the years 1913 to 1917, inclusive. "C" indicates data for the corresponding week of the year 1918.

³ Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births—an annual rate based on deaths under 1 year for the week and estimated births for 1920. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

⁴ Enumerated population Jan. 1, 1920.

⁵ Data based on statistics of 1915, 1916, and 1917.